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PROMOTION OF RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is making any changes in syllabus of schools and colleges to promote the liking for research amongst the students in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) to (c) The National Curriculum Framework − 2005 brought out by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) focuses on inquiry based constructivist pedagogy. This document empowers teachers to create situations, where children may enquire, discover, investigate, research and construct their knowledge. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) advocates pedagogical practices which allow children to respond to a situation in a non-traditional way encouraging their spirit of experimentation. The Schools are also expected to assign multidisciplinary projects to groups of students to be done during school hours to promote the spirit of enquiry and investigation. The University Grant Commission (UGC) is implementing the following schemes to promote research in the higher educational institutions: - (i) Universities with Potential for Excellence (UPE) (ii) Centre with Potential for Excellence in Particular Area (CPEPA) (iii) College with Potential for Excellence (CPE) (iv) Major Research Projects/Minor Research Project (MRP) (v) Special Assistance Programme (SAP) (vi) Basic Scientific Research (BSR) and (vii) Research Fellowships.